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PennDOT to Start \$17.7 Million Project to Widen Route 202 to Five Lanes between Swedesford Road and Route 309 in Montgomery County

King of Prussia – Preliminary construction activity will start Monday (April 12) on a \$17.7 million project to widen and improve two miles of Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) between Swedesford Road and Route 309 in Upper Gwynedd, Lower Gwynedd and Montgomery townships, Montgomery County, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation said today. The project is scheduled to finish in May 2012.

Motorists are advised to allow additional time to travel on this stretch of Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) as lane closures and traffic slowdowns will occur weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Flagging will be used to control traffic in the work zone. Travel on Route 63 (Welsh Road) also may be impacted by the construction activities on Route 202 (DeKalb Pike).

For the next two months, southbound Route 202 drivers will not be able to access Swedesford Road, just south of the Hancock Road intersection, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. due to construction. Southbound Route 202 drivers heading to Swedesford Road will be detoured over Sumneytown Pike to Swedesford Road.

To enhance future travel along Route 202, crews will work through May 2012 to rebuild and widen the two-lane Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) into a five-lane curbed roadway with four 11-foot wide travel lanes, an 11-foot wide center lane for left turns, and five-foot wide bicycle lanes.

The contractor also will mill and resurface the existing five-lane section of Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) from Knapp Road to Route 309; widen Route 63 (Welsh Road) to five lanes from just east of Bell Run Boulevard to Stump Road; build a four-lane, 700-foot long road to connect DeKalb Pike to the Route 202 Parkway at the intersection of Route 63 (Welsh Road); install new traffic signals at several intersections; install Intelligent Transportation System components; build concrete curb ramps; and add new signs and landscaping.

As part of this project, sound walls will be placed along northbound Route 202 (DeKalb Pike) from just south of Hancock Road to Route 63 (Welsh Road); along the northbound side of the road connecting DeKalb Pike to the Route 202 Parkway; and along southbound Route 202 from Hancock Road south approximately 700 feet.

Road-Con, Inc. of West Chester, Pa. is the general contractor on the \$17,762,061 contract. The project is financed with 100 percent federal funds.

PennDOT reminds motorists they can log on to 511pa.com or call 511 from any phone to check traffic conditions on major highways before heading out.

For more information on Route 202, visit www.us202-700.com.